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Nowell Creek pedestrian path, bridge project takes step forward

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Daniel Island residents had an opportunity to ask questions and share opinions on two options for the Nowell Creek pedestrian/cycling path and bridge project at a public drop-in meeting hosted by the City of Charleston last week.

This proposed path is at the bridge where Daniel Island Drive turns into St. Thomas Island Drive.

The \$750,000 project consists of a dedicated path and pedestrian bridge across Nowell Creek, which begins on the St. Thomas Island side of the bridge near the foot entrance to the Shelling community and ends just before the main entrance to the old Blackbaud Office Building Complex. Future projects are under design to connect the path to the existing path on the east side of Beresford Creek.

Option A is depicted in yellow on the plans above, Option B in blue. The main differences between the two options are where the

crosswalk is located and whether the path continues to the existing fishing and crabbing pier.

Officials explained that the Option B crosswalk location was a safer pedestrian option compared to the Option A crosswalk, which is located near a bend in St. Thomas Island Drive, limiting visibility as cars approach the crosswalk.

Option B does not include a path to the existing fishing pier; Option A does include a path to the pier.

Both options provide for an 8-10 foot wide multi-use asphalt path with a raised crosswalk.

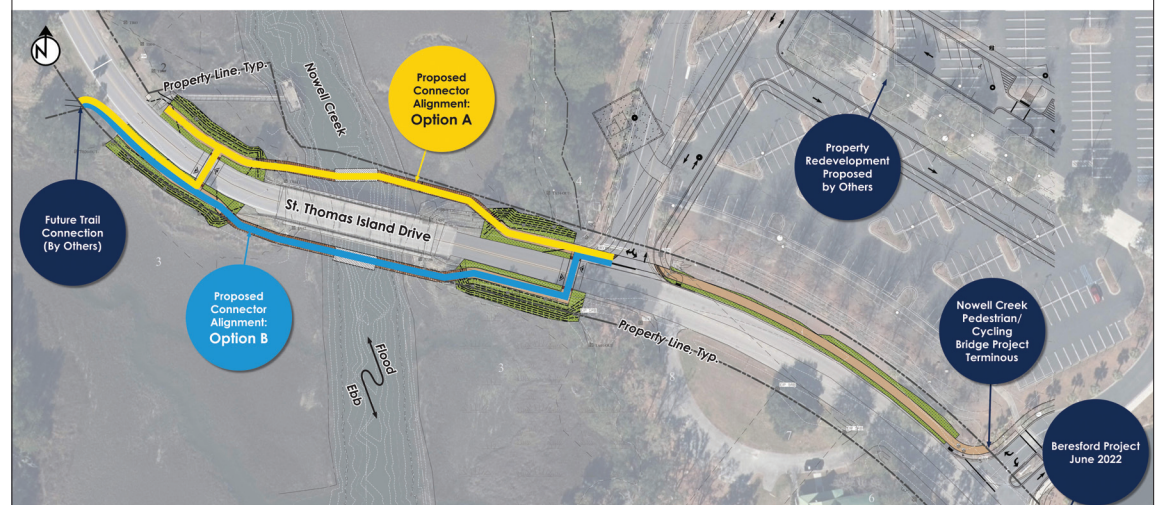
Residents, given the opportunity to mark their preference at the meeting, heavily favored Option B with its safer crosswalk over the pier access available with Option A.

Both options were designed by Daniel Island resident Jim O'Connor of JMT, Inc.

According to Chase Anderson, senior construction project manager with the City of Charleston Department of Parks, the city plans to

Nowell Creek Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge

Proposed Connector Alignment - Option A and Option B



PROVIDED

Project officials for the Nowell Creek pedestrian/cycling path and bridge project seek public input on selecting the final design option. Option A is depicted in yellow on the plans, Option B in blue. The main difference is that Option B has a safer pedestrian crosswalk whereas Option A has a path that continues to the existing fishing and crabbing pier. Citizens can submit their preference to andersonc@charleston-sc.gov and rmattie@jmt.com by this Friday.

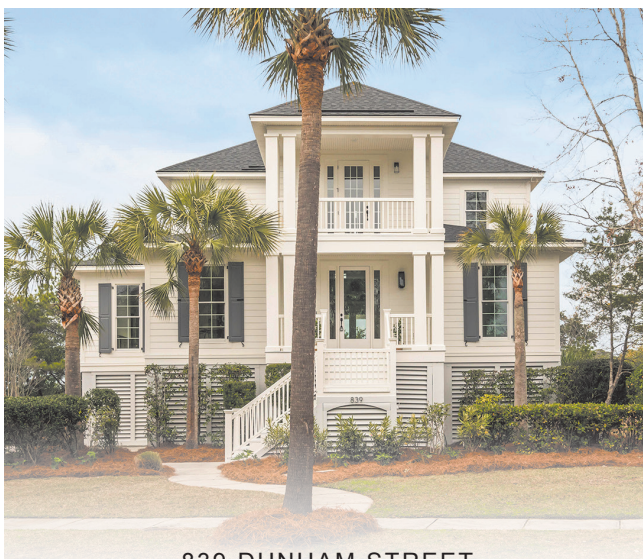
time construction of the Nowell Creek Project with construction of the Beresford Creek Bridge

replacement project, which is set to begin in June 2022. But, he said, the construction timing will depend on permitting from the South Caro-

lina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

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Boyd Gregg elected to Charleston City Council District 1

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Earlier this month, a special election didn't produce a candidate with enough votes to win the five-person race to decide the next representative of the City of Charleston Council's District 1. Last week's runoff between Daniel Island residents Boyd Gregg and Shawn Pinkston had a much more definitive outcome. Boyd Gregg is the new city councilperson representing residents in Cainhoy, Daniel Island, and a portion of downtown Charleston.

Gregg received 148 votes from Charleston County precincts, while Pinkston collected 38. Gregg received an additional 1,039 votes from Berkeley County precincts, while Pinkston tallied 497.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Boyd Gregg: 1,187 votes — 69%
Shawn Pinkston: 535 votes — 31%
Ballots cast: 1,723 (1 blank)
Registered voters: 14,513
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Boyd Gregg

In total, Gregg received nearly 69% of the overall votes cast.

Within hours of the polls closing, Pinkston graciously called to congratulate Gregg and concede the race.

"To know that over 1,000 people came out and felt I was the best choice for this is a big honor," Gregg said.

A 13-year resident of the island, Gregg identifies himself as an infrastructure engineer, family man, entrepreneur, and community volunteer. As an engineer, he says he helps municipalities solve complex infrastructure challenges in a fiscally responsible manner.

For the past 20 years, Gregg has been working with municipal governments, behind the scenes as an engineer. Now, he'll be sitting at the head of the room, on a panel with 11 other councilmembers and the mayor of the City of Charleston.

"It's a huge responsibility. It's not something that I take lightly," said Gregg, who will be serving as an elected official for the first time in his career.

Gregg recalled that Marie Delcioppo, the councilperson who previously held the seat until she resigned over health concerns last October, was a "great mentor throughout the whole process." Delcioppo endorsed Gregg in the election and helped him campaign.

"I can't say enough nice things about Marie and her service, more importantly how she represented District 1," Gregg said. "She set a high standard for this position, so it's certainly something I will strive to uphold."

Gregg stressed infrastructure during the campaign and identified roads as a top priority. One of the first items on his agenda are roads, including addressing some Daniel Island roads in need of repaving.

As for downtown, Gregg's infrastructure priority is to address the massive flooding issues and the \$1.1 billion plan by the Army Corps of Engineers to safeguard the Charleston peninsula with an 8-mile long sea wall. He noted that this is a Daniel Island issue, in part, because all city residents' taxes will pay for the plan.

Additionally, Gregg said he will focus on the welfare of public safety personnel. His objective is to make sure police and fire departments are well staffed and have the resources in District 1, which includes strengthening the staffing of Team 5 on Daniel Island and the implementation of more fire departments in rural areas of the Cainhoy peninsula.

Gregg will be sworn in at next week's council meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8.

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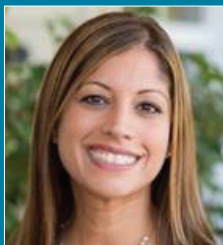
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chapter two

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LIVING LIFE AS A SENIOR

Like Madonna, Beyonce, Prince, Einstein — all you had to do was mention her name and the banter began.

"OMG, did you see her last night?"

"She is just brilliant."

"Why did she wager so high on the Final Jeopardy answer?"

"I love her smile."

"Love her pearls."

During a time where we weren't sure whether to go out, eat in restaurants and be around other people; when it was getting dark early, cold outside; one thing we could count on was for a few months we could turn on our TVs at 7:30 p.m. on weeknights and root for Amy. If, perchance, we weren't home, we recorded "Jeopardy" and watched as soon as we got back, no matter how late it was.

And, added bonus, my husband and I both enjoyed watching her together — not a common TV happening in our house. When I asked him what he liked about her, he said, "She has a great presence and is extremely smart. I like smart women."

Hmm, who knew?

As for me — I just liked her. Period. A

person comfortable with her intelligence and her true self.

Her run on "Jeopardy" reminded me of the movie "Seabiscuit." She was a real person and appealed to real people. She wasn't haughty, kept her personal life simple (you know that part where they make each contestant tell those goofy stories about themselves — the time where you usually run to get a snack, let the dog out or go to the bathroom). She was genial when host Ken Jennings (74-time "Jeopardy" winner) made a snarky comment or every single night found a way to mention his accomplishment, referring to himself as "yours truly." She just offered that smile and efficiently got down to business, just tackling that game board.

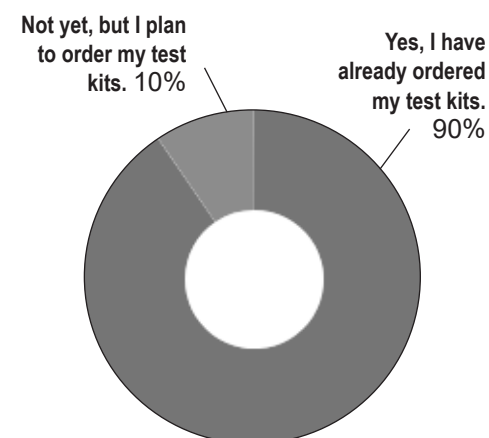
If I am ever on "Jeopardy" — hahahaha-hahaha — one of my little anecdotes about myself is going to be that I lived in Dayton, Ohio, for over 40 years (my husband was born and raised there), where Amy was born and raised. My kids played against her high school in tennis. She went to the University of Dayton where I took courses. Maybe I passed her or her mom in the grocery store, who knows?

When she finally lost, I was devastated. Apparently so was almost everyone I know. Facebook and Instagram were slammed.

Dinner the next night was lonely. We both missed our favorite guest. And, being off our usual game, my husband forgot to guard his plate and our dog ate his chicken. Sometimes, you just can't win.

Readers speak out on free COVID-19 tests

The U.S. government is providing free at-home COVID-19 test kits to every residence in the country. All you need to do is sign up at covidtests.gov/. The site opened recently and test kits are expected to mail by the end of January. Will you be ordering the free kits?



NOTE: The response "No, I don't need a test kit" received no votes.

COMMENTS:

- Placed order on 18 January. Let's see how long it takes.
- The one time I was looking for a test last year, there were none to be found. This way we have them if need arises.
- Excellent since tests can be hard to come by.
- Easy access to at home testing is a good way to ensure we don't spread the virus.
- I'm not selfish, I'll quarantine if I test positive.
- It is probably overspending by the government and there will end up being a lot of waste. I think it would have been better to make free tests available based on income level and to let the pharmacies sell to customers.

NEXT WEEK: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ROMANTIC MOVIE?

A recent survey by career-counseling website zippia.com for Valentine's Day



found that "Gone with the Wind" was South Carolina's favorite romantic movie. Which of these movies do you think should have been selected? Share your

thoughts online at surveyMonkey.com/r/Favorite_Romantic_Movie or use the QR code by Sunday, Feb. 6, 5 p.m.

Awesome Authors

The Daniel Island News Author Series kicked off last week at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Daniel Island resident and experienced author Vijaya Bodach spoke about her background as a scientist, her passion for helping other writers, and the inspiration for her novel "Bound." Pamela Brownstein discussed her recently published children's book, "Low-Ku: Haikus of the Low-country." Publisher Sue Detar was the moderator and facilitated a question and answer period after each speaker. Detar said she was pleased with the success of the event and was grateful for everyone who attended.

The next author series event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.



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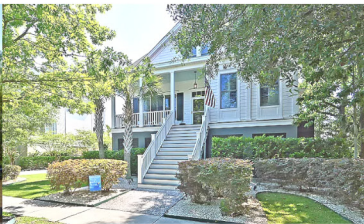


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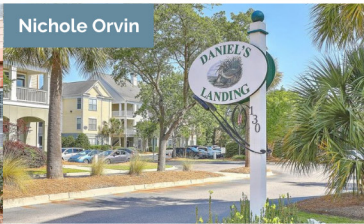
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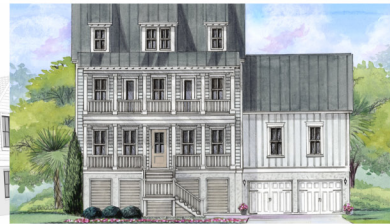
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DANIEL ISLAND COMMUNITY SPEAKER'S SERIES

Cahill calls Charleston a 'community to be cherished'

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Protecting Charleston's authenticity, vibrancy and livability is critical to the entire region, including Daniel Island, according to Betsy Kirkland Cahill, board chair for the Preservation Society of Charleston.

Cahill spoke about the importance of preservation last week at the Daniel Island Club as part of the Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series.

"If you're bothered by the proliferation of big box buildings you see when you drive downtown ... or if you'd like to be able to get to MUSC or Roper during high tide or a heavy rain storm, or if you would like Charleston to stay the living, working city it is and not become either a museum or a playground for tourists," said Cahill, "then you will understand



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Preservation Society of Charleston Board Chair Betsy Kirkland Cahill, center, with Rotarians Steve Slifer and Mary Jo Romeo, spoke at the Daniel Island Club on Jan. 26 as part of the Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series. Cahill said many of the favorite places of residents and tourists would not still be standing if it wasn't for the Preservation Society.

that preservation has everything to do with a growing and changing city like Charleston."

Cahill calls herself an "accidental preservationist" who loves Charleston and cares deeply about its future. A native of downtown, Cahill left for college and didn't return permanently until 30 years

later, when she moved back into her childhood home with her husband and family in 2010.

"As I settled into my new life, I was shocked by what was happening to the city; the congestion, tourists, crowds, cruise ships docking at the edge of the historic district," Cahill said. "Just the overall

sense that the city was becoming a brand to be promoted rather than a community to be cherished."

That year Charleston hit number one in the tourism rankings and has since exploded with visitor numbers, population growth and massive development, according to Cahill, who said the only group she saw standing up and speaking out for the residents was the Preservation Society. She became a member and has served on the board for over a decade and chaired the board for the past seven years.

"I've been privileged to participate in a complete turnaround of a group that for most of its history, has been long on enthusiasm and short on funds," Cahill said. "I'm happy to tell you that's no more the case. In 2020 we celebrated our centennial with our first ever fundraising campaign. We steamrolled right through COVID,

exceeded our goal twice, and finished at \$6.3 million."

That money has been transformational, said Cahill, allowing the organization to expand and strengthen its advocacy efforts at a time when the need has never been greater.

The Preservation Society of Charleston began in 1920 and now has more than 3,000 members who represent every zip code in the community. Cahill attributes the society's success to the love people have for Charleston and the faith they have in the Preservation Society to protect and preserve what makes it special.

"Whether you live on Daniel Island or James Island, South of Broad or in the north central neighborhood, each of us connects in some way to the beauty, the many layered history, the distinctive character of this place and its people," she said.

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MISSING MOTORCYCLE

On Dec. 21, an officer responded to a residence on Central Island Street in reference to a motorcycle theft. The vehicle, a 2019 bronze and black Indian with Indiana license plates, was removed from a parking garage. Surveillance video was reviewed but did not indicate that the motorcycle had been driven out of the complex. The victim has all sets of keys in his possession. The case is currently inactive due to lack of evidence.

RANSACKED

Team 5 responded to a home on Rowans Creek Drive on Dec. 22 in response to a complaint of a theft from a vehicle. Around 9 a.m. that morning, the victim received a call from a co-worker who said that someone had found her wallet on the road near

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the Spinx gas station on Highway 41. She went outside to check her car and noticed it had been ransacked. A purse, contacts, gift cards valued at \$200, three debit cards, a drivers license, and a wallet had been removed. The complainant was able to cancel her debit cards before any illegal activity occurred. The vehicle had been left unlocked in the driveway overnight.

STOLEN CELL PHONE

On Jan. 5 at 7:15 a.m., an officer was called to a residence on Chimney Back Street regarding a theft from a motor vehicle. The victim advised that an unknown individual entered his white Ford F-250 pickup truck that had been parked on the road and removed his iPhone 13 Pro Max,

valued at \$1,000. There were no signs of forced entry, and it is likely that the truck had been left unlocked.

BIKE BREAK-INS

On Dec. 22, an officer responded to an apartment on Robert Daniel Drive in reference to a bicycle theft. The bicycle had been chained to a rack prior to the theft.

Another bicycle was reported as stolen from a residence on Seven Farms Drive. The victim had locked his bicycle and noticed it missing on Dec. 24.

On Jan. 8, a bicycle went missing from a residence on Robert Daniel Drive. The bicycle had been locked and there was evidence that the lock had been cut by the perpetrator.

DRUNKEN FALL

On Jan. 1, an injury was reported at 12:20 a.m. on Sawyer Circle. The complainant advised that her intoxicated friend could not find the keys to her apartment on the third floor and attempted to climb from one balcony to another to enter the residence. She fell three stories and landed in the bushes. The victim agreed to EMS care and was

transported to an area hospital.

STOLEN CAR PARTS

An officer spoke with a victim at a business on Charleston Regional Parkway concerning a theft of a container chassis that was last seen on Dec. 23. The value of the equipment was \$18,000. Camera surveillance was not available at the property. A police report was filed on Jan. 4.

A rash of catalytic converter thefts continued as officers responded to a business on Clements Ferry Road on Jan. 12. The part was removed from a Ford 350 van parked behind the building. The damage is valued at \$1,000.

On the same day, Team 5 responded to a residence on River Landing Drive where an individual reported that at 5:32 p.m., while in his apartment, he heard a loud noise outside. After investigating, he saw an unknown male under his car. When he called out to the suspect, he left abruptly in a dark colored sedan with another suspect, holding something in his hand. The victim checked his car and saw that the catalytic converter had been removed. The part is valued at \$400.

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The City of Charleston Mayor’s Mentoring Consortium will host a Mentor Recruitment Fair to raise awareness of the importance of mentorship and supporting local youth on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arthur W. Christopher Community Center, located at 265 Fishburne Street.

The event will feature a range of local mentoring organizations and will offer attendees a chance to learn about available volunteer opportunities throughout the community.

For additional details on the event, please contact, Mindy Sturm, director of the Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families, at sturmm@charleston-sc.gov.



Shanel Pierce

REALTOR RECEIVES MILITARY CERTIFICATION

Charleston Metro Homes Real Estate has announced that Realtor Shanel Pierce has received the Military Relocation Professional Certification from the National Association of Realtors. Pierce can be reached at 843-874-6633 or shanel.pierce@charlestonmetrohomes.com.

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Project construction estimated to take eight months

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According to a handout provided by the city, construction is estimated to take eight months and the existing roadway and bridge are not anticipated to be closed, although temporary lane closures are likely. However, the city previously said that the Beresford Creek Bridge replacement project would result in road closures.

“The city is especially proud of the partnership created around this project, which includes the state DOT, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG), Berkeley County, the City of Charleston and Daniel Island POA,” Anderson noted.

Matt Compton, deputy director with the City of Charleston Department of Parks, explained that funding for the project includes \$60,000 from Berkeley County, \$100,000 from the City of Charleston, and the balance from SCDOT.

Kyle James, a regional planner for the BCDCOG, said that although a continued path along St. Thomas Island Drive to Clements Ferry is undetermined, he is optimistic about future funding for pedestrian paths as a result of the federal infrastructure bill and the availability of grants. A map of proposed paths handed out at the meeting included paths along Clements Ferry Road and along I-526 across both the Cooper and Wando Rivers.

Daniel Island resident Ken Scarlett arrived at the meeting on his bike and was complimentary of the city’s efforts and optimistic about future connectivity. “Shout out to the city for getting this done and for their diligent



SUZANNE DETAR

Daniel Island resident Jim O’Connor (right) of JMT, Inc. designed the Nowell Creek pedestrian path project. He was at the public comment drop-in last week and explained the project and options, including speaking with Daniel Island resident Ken Scarlett.

effort. I look forward to a whole plan of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to Clements Ferry Road and to Mount Pleasant.”

You can still voice your opinion regarding your preference for option A or B by submitting comments to andersonc@charleston-sc.gov and rmattie@jmt.com. The deadline to submit comments is this Friday, Feb. 4.



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Losing is no disgrace if you've given your best.

— Jim Palmer

The Cinderella ending of Tom Brady's playoff run with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is not the one he wanted. But with class, he played the hand he was dealt. After 22 seasons in the NFL, 44-year-old Brady officially announced his retirement on Tuesday.

My intention here is not to stroll down memory lane detailing all of the highlights of his remarkable career. There's not enough time or space here to do that. His accomplishments speak for themselves.

Any player can give glowing remarks after an incredible come from behind win or other such accomplishment and look good. But how you handle the disappointment of a loss is more revealing.

After the defeat of the Buccaneers by the Rams in the recent playoff game, Brady took to his Instagram page to comment about the loss. In doing so, he gives us a few lessons in leadership that transcend the game.

Allow me to break down those leadership lessons taken from his post. I believe these lessons can benefit any leader regardless of your profession.

GRATITUDE

"...but this week, all that is on my mind is the gratitude I have for this team and the fans that have supported us..."

In this statement, Brady brings to the forefront a leadership characteristic all can emulate. When you lead from a heart of gratitude it speaks volumes about your character. The lesson here is simple but profound — no one does it alone.

Brady rightfully acknowledges his teammates and fans for their support. He acknowledges that when everyone comes together and works hard then great things can happen. A heart of gratitude

and humility is refreshing coming from a player the caliber of Brady especially after a loss.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

"This year has been incredibly rewarding personally and professionally and I am appreciative of everyone who worked their ass off to help our team achieve so much."

Simply put, Brady is acknowledging the obvious — hard work pays off. When everyone is invested and willing to work hard and make the sacrifices to achieve great results, it's a humbling experience. Even though the season ended sooner than he and the rest of the team would have liked, he acknowledged everyone's efforts and did not blame anyone for the loss. It was a total team effort that was characterized by hard work and determination.

Hard work and self-discipline have always been hallmarks of Brady's career, even in the offseason. When a leader or athlete like Brady is the one who sets the bar, it lifts everyone to a higher standard and he gives credit where it's due.

KEEP EVERYTHING IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE

"I always want to win, I think that's pretty apparent by now, but that doesn't mean I equate losing to failure, especially when you go out fighting the way we did."

Brady's quote here is leadership gold. When you understand that losing one game does not equal failure it's a game-changer.

In his book, "Failing Forward," John Maxwell writes, "The difference between average people and achieving people is their perception of and response to failure." Brady's ability to see in this light indicates that he clearly understands the difference.

Final Thoughts

Tom Brady demonstrated that winning is not characterized by the final score of a game. He showed that some things are more important — like living with gratitude, working hard, and keeping everything in proper perspective.

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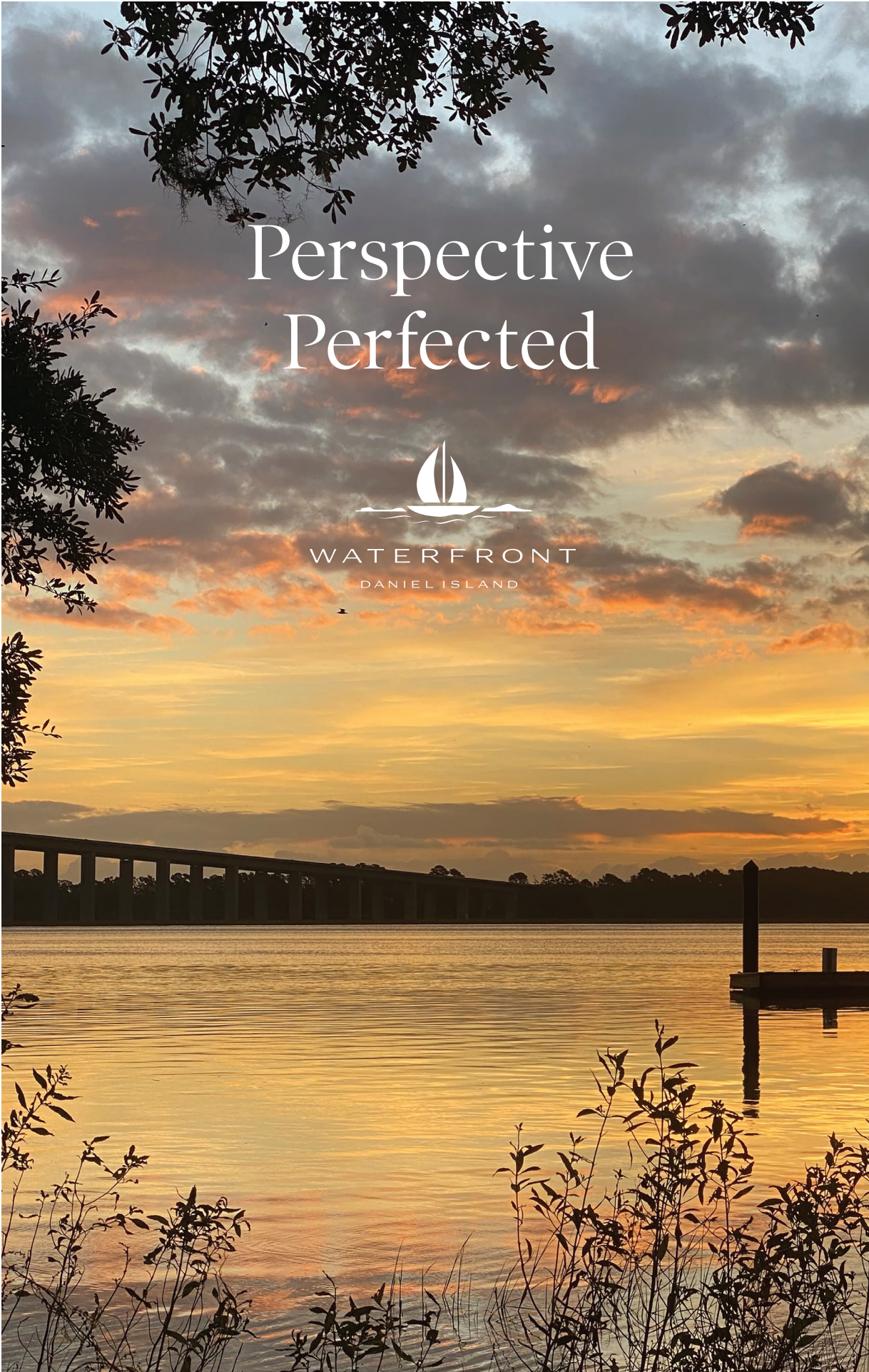
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A TIME FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

Black History Month offers opportunities for reflection, education on Daniel Island and around the Charleston area

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To know — is to begin to understand.

The inspiration behind the establishment of Black History Month some 50 years ago, and its precursor Negro History Week in 1926, was to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and to recognize their important role in shaping U.S. history. The timing — in February — is intentional. It coincides with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in the African American story.

In 1976, during the U.S. Bicentennial celebration, then President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month for the first time as a federal commemoration, urging Americans “to seize the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Today, as the race conversation takes center stage in our nation, the meaning behind Black History Month has taken on added significance.

“It really is an opportunity to dispel myths about African Americans and also about our shared legacy in this country,” said Dr. Bernard Powers, director of the Center for the Study of Slavery in Charleston and professor emeritus in the History Department at the College of Charleston. “... It is not a separate subject. It is a part of American history — and it shows the way in which the Black experience has also shaped other experiences in our country. And unfortunately, many people really do not have an understanding of that, because they simply haven’t been taught that, and certain things have been misrepresented that we still struggle to correct today.”

The Daniel Island Historical Society is hoping island residents and other visitors will take time during Black History Month to reflect on the important history



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G.C. Coxswain is among several buried in Simmons Cemetery, an African American burial ground located just off the boardwalk from Barfield Park on Daniel Island. Coxswain was a member of Company K, 103rd Regiment of the United States Colored Infantry.

here by visiting the island’s three African American burial grounds — Grove Cemetery and Simmons Cemetery on the island’s south side, and Alston Cemetery in Daniel Island Park.

“These cemeteries tell so much of the story of Daniel Island,” said DIHS co-founder Mike Dahlman, co-author of the book “Daniel Island.” “Folks buried here were born on Daniel Island, lived here and now are laid to rest here. A walk through any of the talks of those who served as Blacks in the Civil War and World War I. Four of the standing markers belong to those who were born into slavery. Visitors will also see many sunken graves, most likely marking those who lived as slaves working the plantations on Daniel Island. These sacred burial grounds are a part of our legacy, our history that can only be appreciated by a slow solemn walk through them.”

To learn more about these sites, and other African American history on Daniel Island, visit the DIHS website at dihistoricalociety.com/island-history/daniel-island-african-american-history/.

To truly capture the big picture history of the region, one must venture off Daniel Island to downtown Charleston and surrounding areas — where many



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Mother Emanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street is a place steeped in African American history. Tragically, it is remembered most recently as the site of a racially charged massacre of nine church members in 2015.

African American landmarks are “hidden in plain sight,” Powers noted.

“As you move about Charleston, there are so many sites of African American history that are unrecognized, that are not marked,” he said. “People walk past them every day and they have no idea of what they are.”

One example is the current Embassy Suites Hotel, the original Citadel campus, on Marion Square. On the south side of the building is a very small plaque featuring a timeline for the history of the site. The plaque includes mention of Denmark Vesey — who is credited with plotting a slave rebellion in 1822. Vesey was later hanged for his actions, days before the insurrection was set to take place.

“You’d never know that the building itself has a very important connection with African American history,” Powers said. “... They began to fortify that area after the discovery of the Vesey



ELIZABETH BUSH

Septima Clark, an African American civil rights leader and educator, was born at 105 Wentworth St. in 1898 (it is now a College of Charleston fraternity house).

conspiracy. And it created the Citadel, so that White men could have military training — so that in the case of another effort at rebellion they would be militarily prepared.”

Powers also noted that there is an exhibit about Vesey on the first floor of Charleston City Hall, where some of the accused rebellion participants were confined. A statue of Vesey erected in Hampton Park in 2014 was recently removed from the site for repairs.

There are several churches downtown that also made Powers’ list of places to visit during Black History Month. Mother Emanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street is connected to Vesey, as he was a member there and used the site to stage his rebellion. It was also the site of a Martin Luther King speech in 1962, and an example of an independent Black church created during the period of slavery.

“When you think about it, it was a revolutionary act for Black people to create their own church not connected to any White church,” added Powers. “... And then to affiliate it with a Black abolitionist church, right in downtown Charleston during the height of slavery.”

Additionally, Calvary Episcopal Church, which was created for Episcopal slaves in the late 1840s, still exists on Line Street today. Also on Calhoun Street are two Methodist churches with interesting histories — Bethel United Methodist Church and Old Bethel

United Methodist Church.

“Bethel is the White church and Old Bethel is the Black church,” noted Powers. “And they are located directly across the street from each other. Old Bethel was the original White church and it was given to the members of the Black congregation and after the Civil War it became a completely separate congregation from Bethel Methodist.”

Powers also made note of another site — the old Bennett Rice Mill façade on State Ports Authority property off East Bay Street on Charleston Harbor.

“It’s been there since the 1840s,” said Powers. “Slave labor was used to build that place and it’s an example of industrial slavery. People think slavery and then they think of cotton and rice, and rightly so, but enslaved people were also used in industry, too.”

Other spots recommended by Powers include the Avery Institute building on Bull Street, which is part of the Avery Research Center affiliated with the College of Charleston. The site served as one of the area’s earliest schools for Black Charlestonians in the 1800s. There is also the Septima Clark House on Wentworth Street, where African American civil rights leader and educator Septima Clark was born in 1898; the Old Slave Mart on Chalmers Street; and the Aiken-Rhett House on Elizabeth Street, where visitors can explore the home’s former slave quarters, one of the few that still exist today. He also suggested visiting the early 19th century architecture of skilled carpenter and craftsman Richard Holloway at 221 Calhoun St., 96 Smith St., and 72 Pitt St.

“The Holloway family was a very well-known family of free Blacks before the Civil War,” added Powers. “And a number of the men were carpenters.”

Additionally, Drayton Hall, Middleton Place, Magnolia Gardens and other local plantations are also poignant places of reflection during Black History Month (as well as other times of the year), as most offer exhibits and/or tours about

the slave experience.

“(The plantations along Highway 61) were settled by migrants from Barbados or otherwise had a connection to Barbados,” noted Powers. “Many of South Carolina’s early settlers were from Barbados, and when they came, they brought enslaved people.”

When the new, much anticipated International African American Museum opens later this year on Gadsden’s Wharf, it will give both local residents and visitors from all over the world an opportunity to learn more about Charleston’s pivotal role in shaping not only African American history, but U.S. history as a whole.

“When you think about the new museum, when you look out through the eastern block of windows ... you are looking out onto a route by which enslaved people were brought to peninsular Charleston,” added Powers, who is a member of the museum’s board of directors. “But also, when you look out, you’re looking towards something else, too ... Fort Sumter, where the Civil War begins. And so here are two iconic and organically related experiences that explain a lot about American history, that you can see right out in Charleston harbor ... the history that unfolded here shaped dramatically other aspects of the larger country’s history — and that’s the story we will be telling at the International African American Museum.”

For more information on local African American history, and places of interest, visit africanamericancharleston.com/.



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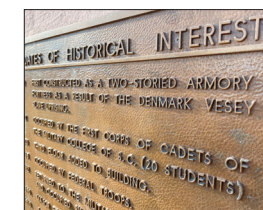
The International African American Museum is under construction at Gadsden’s Wharf in downtown Charleston.

PLACES TO VISIT

DANIEL ISLAND

- **Grove Cemetery:** Behind CreditOne Stadium on the walking trail, ancestors of the late Master Blacksmith Philip Simmons are buried here.
- **Simmons Cemetery:** Off the walking trail between the Barfield Park boardwalk and The Waterfront development. Named for Maurice Simmons, who owned the land where the cemetery is located prior to the Civil War.
- **Alston Cemetery:** Daniel Island Park, Ralston Creek Street.

DOWNTOWN AND SURROUNDING AREAS



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- A statue honoring Denmark Vesey, who was executed for planning a slave rebellion in the 1822, has been taken down in Hampton Park for repairs, but you can visit a plaque mentioning Vesey on the side of the Embassy Suites Hotel (pictured at left), the Citadel’s original campus.
- **Old Bennett Rice Mill façade:** Union Pier Terminal of the State Ports Authority off East Bay Street in downtown Charleston. Industrial slave labor built the original structure.

- There are several African American churches in downtown Charleston with significant ties to Black history in the region, including Mother Emanuel AME at 110 Calhoun Street, an independent Black church and the site of Denmark Vesey’s slave rebellion planning; Calvary Episcopal Church on Line Street, created for Episcopal slaves in the late 1840s; Bethel ME and Old Bethel ME on Calhoun Street; and Morris Street Baptist Church on Bull Street.
- **Avery Research Center** (part of the College of Charleston): Formerly the Avery Institute, one of the earliest schools for Black children in Charleston.
- **Burke High School:** 244 President St. First high school for Black students in Charleston, established just before World War I.
- **Septima Clark home:** Located at 105 Wentworth St. Birthplace of Septima Clark (1898-1987), an educator and civil rights leader.
- **Gadsden’s Wharf:** Site of soon-to-be completed new International African American Museum, overlooking Charleston Harbor. African-born slaves that were part of the transatlantic slave trade entered peninsular Charleston at this location.
- **Old Slave Mart:** 6 Chalmers St. Constructed in 1859, this site once housed an antebellum slave auction gallery.
- **Aiken-Rhett House:** 48 Elizabeth St. One of few remaining former slave quarters that still exists for visitors to see today.
- **Ashley River Plantations:** Middleton Place, Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, and Drayton Hall are all located on Highway 61 and feature exhibits on plantation life, including slavery exhibits and tours. There are also a number of other plantation sites to visit in other areas of the region, including McLeod Plantation on James Island and Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant.
- **Philip Simmons House & Museum:** 30 ½ Blake St. Simmons, an artisan and master blacksmith, was born on Daniel Island in 1912. This site served as his home and blacksmith shop for close to 50 years, before his death in 2009.
- **Chuma Gallery:** 188 Meeting St. Features a number of Gullah artists, including the acclaimed Jonathan Green.

The list above is not a complete list of all the area Black History Month sites to visit. For additional places of interest, visit africanamericancharleston.com/ and charlestoncvb.com/blog/african-american-sites-to-visit-in-charleston.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH HAPPENINGS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Below is a list of some of the Black History Month events taking place locally.

“Reconstruction Era Presentation”
Feb. 5, 3 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Town Council Chambers
100 Ann Edwards Lane
tompsc.com/1125/Black-History-Month

“Lest We Forget: A Story of the African American Experience Through Story and Song”
Feb. 5 & 12, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Middleton Place
4300 Ashley River Road
Several other BHM programs are being offered at Middleton Place this month. Visit middletonplace.org/news-and-events/event/february-programs-and-events/.

“Power and Powerlessness in the Plantation System”
Speaker: Shannon Eaves, assistant professor of history at the College of Charleston
Feb. 10, 5 p.m. (Webinar/virtual)
draytonhall.org

“Gullah Spirituals Concert”
The Plantation Singers
Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
Christ Church
2304 Hwy 17 N, Mount Pleasant
tompsc.com/1125/Black-History-Month

“Living History Through the Eyes of the Enslaved”
Feb. 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Magnolia Plantation & Gardens
tinyurl.com/2p9ymkmp
(843) 571-1266

“History of Education for African Americans in Mount Pleasant”
Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Town Council Chambers
100 Ann Edwards Lane
tompsc.com/1125/Black-History-Month

“Early Furniture: A Closer Look at Enslaved Craftsmanship”
Feb. 24, 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.
The Heyward-Washington House
87 Church St.
charlestonmuseum.org

Some of the above programs are offered free of charge, and others have a fee. Visit website links for additional information.

Children's book addresses emotional side of deployment

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After more than 20 years in the armed forces and more than a dozen deployments to locations all over the world, Daniel Island resident Major Noah Davis understands the challenges families face when a parent has to leave for extended periods of time.

He wanted something his kids could keep with them when he was gone that was more meaningful than a stuffed animal. "I felt like it would be great to have something that delved a little deeper on the emotional side," Davis said.

But he couldn't find the right item.

This lack of resources for the children of deployed military members is what inspired Davis to write his own book, "Dad Has To Go."

Dedicated "to all the courageous men and women who spend time apart from their loved ones," the book aims to start discussions about feelings and help kids process those complicated emotions that accompany being apart for a long time.

The oldest of five children, Davis was no stranger to the demands of deployment and



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Major Noah Davis, who spent 20 years in the armed forces, is seen with his wife, Lauren, and three children. The Daniel Island resident recently published a book about deployment titled "Dad Has To Go."

duty since both his mom and dad served in the military. The family moved a lot because of his parents' jobs, but spent the most time in Ohio and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Davis attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and his first assignment after college brought him to Charleston where he met

his wife, Lauren, who was also on her first military assignment after college.

Although his job as a pilot in the United States Air Force meant moving for the family, Davis was thrilled to return to the Charleston area after his retirement from active duty. This is the family's fourth year on Daniel Island, raising two girls ages 9 and 7, and a 5-year-old boy. Davis currently works as a pilot for American Airlines based out of Charlotte, North Carolina, and also serves in the Air Force reserves.

"My goal is to make sure that this resource gets into as many hands as possible who could benefit from it," Davis said about his recently published book. "While the book is written from my perspective as a military member, I believe it has wide application to the civilian community as well, especially those families with jobs that create absences in the family for periods of time."

Writing the book came easy to Davis, who said he enjoys writing poetry – a format that comes in handy for the self-described amateur songwriter who loves music and playing the guitar.

Davis didn't have to look too far for

someone to illustrate the book and bring his words to life. His sister, Joy, is the artist in the family and she gladly accepted the opportunity. "I'm super proud of the work my sister did," he said, expressing gratitude for her hard work and ability to capture the feeling of the book. "At each step she was so intentional, with the colors she used to set the mood," and her attention to detail. "One of the cool things I love that my sister did was the rainbow pajamas on the little girl in the book were just like the ones my daughter had when she was little," he added.

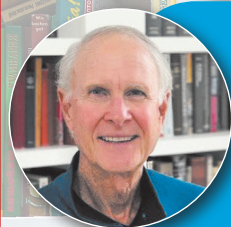
Davis said he and his wife hope the book encourages building good habits for all generations and will spark the importance of talking about emotions instead of keeping them inside.

"Ultimately, my heart and mission are founded in family and marriage care and improving mental health in our military community," he said.

"Dad Has To Go" was published by Christian Trilogy Publishing, and can be found on all major online platforms including Amazon and Kindle. For more information, contact Davis at nsdavis81@gmail.com.

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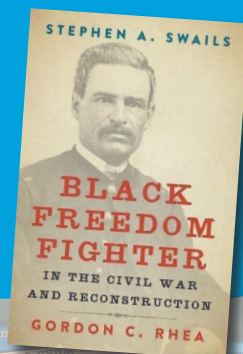
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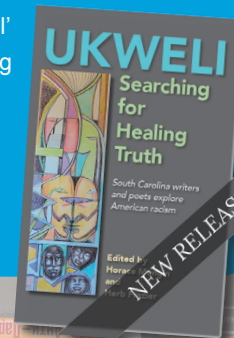
South Carolina Civil War historian and author of seven award-winning books about the Civil War, Rhea will discuss his new book: "Stephen A. Swails: Black Freedom Fighter in Civil War and Reconstruction."

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HERB FRAZIER

Co-author of "We Are Charleston," co-edited "Ukweli: Searching for Healing Truth." This compilation of forty-five writers and poets provides insight into the struggles Black people faced as they made substantial contributions to America. Essayist Margaret Seidler will discuss her essay "Payne-ful Business: Illuminating Charleston's Past" and poet James Brailsford will share "Deliver Us."



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Philip Simmons girls' soccer gains new head coach

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He came. He saw. He became the head coach of the Philip Simmons girls' soccer team.

Like so many other New Jersey natives, Ed Liebe knows the Carolinas offer a wonderful lifestyle. After all, his wife Kathryn is a North Carolina native, while his sister Lauren lives in Charleston.

It didn't take much convincing for Liebe, who had about 30 years of coaching experience at Toms River South (New Jersey) High School and in Maryland, to take the trip down Interstate 95 and make his home in the Lowcountry.

"It's a different lifestyle down here," said Liebe, 57, who spent two years coaching at West Ashley High School when he first arrived in the Lowcountry. "I loved it and it offered a good lifestyle for my



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Ed Liebe will be the new soccer head coach for the Philip Simmons High School girls' team.

family."

Liebe inherits a team that has

just begun to find success, which is something he's used to. He built Toms River South into a state power, winning a handful of state titles.

He inherits an Iron Horse team that experienced growing pains because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the school's first year, Philip Simmons fielded a co-ed team. The next year, the school fielded a girls' junior varsity team. In 2020, the Iron Horses opened with a 3-0 record, outscoring foes 29-0. But the season was shut down by the pandemic.

Last spring, the team shone, posting an 11-4 record, including 4-0 to win the Region 6-AA championship. The team won its first playoff game in the school's history and was 2-1 in the postseason, losing to eventual state champ, St. Joseph's of Greenville.

This spring, expectations are high for the Iron Horses, who were second in the state last spring in goals scored, regardless of classification. There were 18 players on last year's team, and Liebe expects at least a dozen to play in 2022. The Iron Horses open the season with a Feb. 18 game against Academic Magnet in the Charleston Soccer Shootout.

The team begins the season at No. 4 in the South Carolina Soccer Coaches Association's preseason poll of Class AA teams.

"It puts a little target on our backs," Liebe said. "For me, the reason why we are ranked so high is because of our success last year and having so many players returning."

Two all-state selections were scheduled to return: juniors Kylee Kellermann and Claire Esse.

Kellermann, who also plays basketball, scored her 1,000th career point earlier this season. However, she suffered a knee injury that could force her to miss the soccer season.

"That's a big loss," Liebe said of Kellermann's absence. "Claire is quite a player. She's really passionate about the sport and brings it hard."

Liebe said one of the steps of being a new coach at a school is to get to know the players.

"We worked hard during winter conditioning, and I got to meet most of our players," Liebe said. "It was fun, and they were receptive to my style of coaching. We have a couple of new players, one from New Jersey and another who transferred from Bishop England. The players are ready. It's a good vibe."

Preseason poll gives local soccer squads high ranks

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Going wire to wire in sports, beginning the season as No. 1 and finishing as state champions, can be like a high-wire act. Slip or make one wrong move, and it can be over in the blink of an eye.

Bishop England boys' coach Ed Khouri knows the scenario all too well. Last year, the Bishops began the season as the No. 1 team in Class AAA, according to the South Carolina Soccer Coaches Association's preseason poll, won all the big showdowns during the season and even celebrated Khouri's 500th career victory at BE to remain in the top spot during the regular season. But the Bishops didn't close the deal as they dropped a 2-1 overtime decision to Brookland-Cayce in the Lower State Championship, which was contested at Jack Cantey Stadium.

This season, the Bishops again begin the season as the No. 1 team in the Class AAA preseason poll.

"I don't know why we are ranked No. 1," coach Ed Khouri said with a laugh. "I don't want to be No. 1. You know, there's mental pressure involved, so it's a double-edged



sword. It boils down to the players, their off-season preparation and their ability to maintain their togetherness and will to win."

Six starters return for the Bishops. They include Zander Mullen, Matthew Pardieck, Jacob Koster, Ben Lordi, Connor Craig, and Easton Khouri. Mullen is the lone senior on the roster and Easton is the grandson of Khouri.

All four Bishop England and Philip Simmons' soccer teams are ranked in the preseason poll. The BE girls' team checks in at No. 5 in Class AAA. In Class AA, the Philip Simmons girls are No. 4 in the state, while the Iron Horse boys are No. 5 to begin the season.

The Bishop England girls' team, one of

the top programs in the state, regardless of classification, begins a new era this spring as a familiar face. Netha Kreamer takes over for longtime coach Dave Snyder, who retired after 19 years at the helm of the girls' program.

She has been associated with the BE girls' program since the school moved from its Calhoun Street location to Daniel Island in 1998. A native of Charlotte, Kreamer's resume includes coaching experience at



Ashley Hall School, South Carolina Surf, Mount Pleasant Soccer Club, Trident Academy Soccer Club, James Island Soccer Club, Cainhoy Athletic Soccer Club and, now, Bishop England.

Both teams at Philip Simmons have high hopes for the 2022 season as the Iron Horses compete at the Class AA level for the final time before moving up to Class AAA for the next academic year.

The Iron Horse girls went 11-4 last spring and have a new coach in Ed Liebe, who replaced Jay Watterworth. The girls' team won a playoff game for the first time in the school's history. Fourteen of the 18 players on the roster were expected to return.

Last season, the Philip Simmons boys' team also recorded a first-round playoff victory over Greer Middle College. Coach Patrick Gunderson led the team to a 14-4 record and a Region 6-AA championship.

Fishing until you can't feel your fingers



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Given back-to-back winter storms, my fishing has been somewhat curtailed. When I have braved the elements, the redfish bite in the shallows has been pretty good. Trout are still around but the cold water has them acting pretty lethargic. For both species, a slow “do nothing” retrieve seems to get the most bites.

Typically, I fish until I can't feel my fingers anymore. This usually happens in less than an hour. So, my trips have been fairly short. Leaving Brody and me with a lot of spare time. Let me tell you, idle paws are the devil's work. Brody is bored. When Brody is bored, we both get into trouble.

Last Thursday afternoon, in preparation for high winds and freezing temperatures, I took down all the hanging baskets. My wife takes pride in the hanging baskets. Especially the smaller ones. However, Brody thought the small baskets were toys and picked one

up. I told him the baskets were not toys. He acknowledged and put the basket down.

That night, Brody was wildly running around the yard. I called him to see what was up. He came carrying a small hanging basket in his mouth. I laughed and we played catch with it. The next day, all the small baskets were spread across the yard and completely destroyed. My wife Amy was horrified.

Thinking quickly, I speculated that the local deer herd must have eaten them. This made sense to Amy as we have had a bit of a deer problem. About then, Brody came bounding up with a small basket in his mouth. Amy was not looking so I took it and threw it into the woods. Unfortunately, Brody thought we were playing catch. He ran into the woods and brought the basket back to Amy. Trying not to laugh, I speculated that Brody had retrieved the basket from the menacing deer herd. I could not pull it off. Laughing, I confessed. Amy did not see the humor in it.

So, Brody and I are fishing again. Regardless of the weather. You could say we are out in the cold. Figuratively and literally.

Contact Greg Peralta at captgregp@gmail.com or call 843-224-0099.



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Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, looks out over the marsh on the dock after braving a day of fishing amid a winter cold spell.

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High school winter sports on brink of postseason

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The high school basketball schedule consists of three parts: nonconference, conference and postseason.

The nonconference part of the schedule allows coaches time to find the right chemistry for the starting lineup, while allowing players to settle into their roles. It also gives younger players time to gain game experience.

That just might be the case with the Bishop England boys' basketball team, which went 7-9 in the nonconference portion of the schedule. The team took some lumps, but coach Bryan Grevey liked what he saw when the team began Region 8-AAA play after the holidays.

Grevey's team has been a factor in league play with a 5-2 record heading into this week.

The veteran coach wasn't worried that his team showed some wear-and-tear early.

"Our schedule was front-loaded with very good teams to prepare us for region play," Grevey said.

The team was scheduled to play Academic Magnet on Feb. 1, with a huge game at North

Charleston on Feb. 4. Both BE and North Charleston were tied for second place in the league behind Oceanside Collegiate Academy, which owns a 5-1 league record.

At stake is a probable home game in the first round of the playoffs for the winners, while the loser has to hit the road.

"North Charleston is playing very well at this time and we will have to be at our best to win on their court," Grevey said of the Cougars, who have won three in a row, including a victory over first-place OCA since losing to the Bishops 54-47 on Jan. 18. "Finishing 1 or 2 (in the) region guarantees at least one home game in the playoffs. That is our goal and if that is to happen, winning at North Charleston is a must."

The Bishops wrap up the regular season against Hanahan on Feb. 8. The Class AAA playoffs are scheduled to start the week after.

Cole Alexander leads the team with 12.7 points and 9.3 rebounds per game. Elliott Sanders is collecting 10.2 points and 3.5 rebounds, while Jack Van De Erve has been effective at both ends of the court with 7.3 points and 6.3 rebounds.

STATE WRESTLING

The high school wrestling season will conclude later this month, and numerous grapplers from Philip Simmons and Bishop England are focused on the postseason.

Team dual competition begins Feb. 5 and concludes with the state championships Feb. 12 at Dreher High School. Philip Simmons is currently ranked No. 9 in the state in Class AA-A and will qualify for the duals.

The individual state championships will be contested Feb. 25-26 in Anderson.

Philip Simmons has seven wrestlers in the top eight of their respective weight class, according to smat.com. The Iron Horse wrestlers, their ranking and weight class include: Alex Watson, 5, 106 pounds; Jimmy Chambers, 7, 113 pounds; Drew McDonnell, 3, 120; Zion Beaufort, 5, 126; A.J. McLanahan, 2, 132; Issac Schimpf, 3, 170; and Abram Wright, 7 HVY.

Bishop England has five wrestlers in the top 8. The Bishop wrestlers, their ranking and weight class include: Sean Loughy, 7, 120; Sam Cherrichello, 2, 132; Holden Teufel, 6, 138; Michael Murphy, 7, 170; and Cole Preiditsch, 4, 220.



JEEP MCCABE

Bishop England's junior forward Charlie Ranney goes to the basket against an Academic Magnet defender on Jan. 28. The Bishops went on to beat the Raptors 42-38.

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Legal issues to resolve in 2022



Legal notes

CHRIS MINGLEDORFF & MICHAEL PATTERSON

At the beginning of each year, we all generate a list of resolutions devoted to healthy eating, exercise and other various personal improvement achievements. If you are like us, then any resolution that equals sleeping more soundly at night is worth its weight in gold. Thus, this year we thought it helpful to outline a list of legal resolutions which just may be those issues that sometimes consume your mental energy at 3:15 a.m.

ESTATE PLANNING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

An estate plan usually consists of three documents: Last Will and Testament; General (Durable) Power of Attorney; and Healthcare Power of Attorney. Also, if you have not re-visited your estate plan in the past five years, since a major life event (marriage, divorce, childbirth, etc.), or since moving to South Carolina, then there is no better time than now.

CHILD SUPPORT

Are you owed child support? Do you owe child support? Or is your child support obligation financially smothering? Sleeping better at night will only come after any child support matters have been paid or properly resolved.

DIVORCE

South Carolina has a rule that no fault divorces can only be granted after one year of separate living. This rule — and other rules governing child support and alimony — result in couples living separately and otherwise acting as if they are divorced, when in fact the divorce proceeding was never commenced or finalized. There can be a myriad of reasons this type of “divorced, yet not technically divorced” arrangement is troublesome.

TRAFFIC TICKETS/DUI

Hoping the South Carolina DMV and/or law enforcement will forget about your transgression is not a sound legal strategy. Putting these types of issues behind you will afford you many more restful nights.



ADOBE STOCK

There is no better time than now to get your estate plan in order.

Resolving legal issues can lead to more restful nights of sleep.

LANDLORD/TENANT

The Daniel Island housing market includes a vibrant renter's market. Whether you are the landlord or tenant, ensuring a written lease documents the terms is important. Otherwise, disagreements and misunderstandings regarding rent, maintenance, and vacancy of the property may arise. Even if you are already in a landlord/tenant relationship, a written lease can still be memorialized before disagreements arise. The cost of securing a proper lease is much less than the cost of a lawyer to handle the inevitable later disagreement.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Do you need to start a business? Do you need to document a business relationship with a written contract? Does your business have a registered agent (or for that matter do you know what a registered agent does)? Is your business properly licensed by local and state government authorities?

We hope this list was helpful for you or provided you with the encouragement you needed to once and for all knock off some of your legal needs. Knowing your affairs are in order, thus allowing restful nights, is invaluable.

Chris Mingledorff and Michael Patterson are attorneys with Mingledorff & Patterson LLC on Daniel Island. For more information, go to mpttrial.com.

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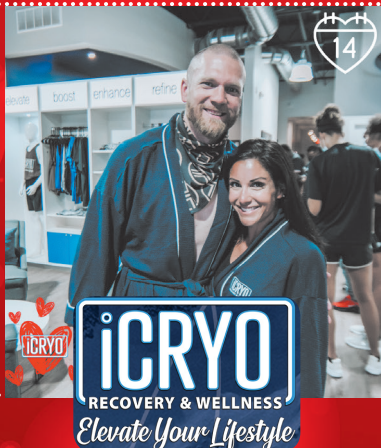


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Rings of holes around the old oak tree



nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

My paternal grandfather was quite fond of the word “sapsucker.” I cannot recall a specific instance or person, but his intonation made it clear that the name was not an expression of admiration. A look into the feeding habits of *Sphyrapicus varius*, the yellow-bellied sapsucker, offers some clues into the origin of my “Pop’s” colloquialism.

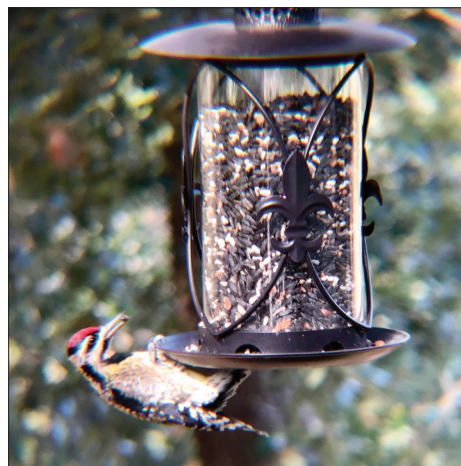
An online search for “rings of holes around trees,” will nearly always return one name — “sapsucker.” At our former residence on Bounty Street, we had a tree that became absolutely riddled with the telltale lines of holes over several years. I recently passed by the old house, and that tree is gone. I can’t say for sure what became of it but I do have a hunch. And contrary to what many of us think we know about woodpeckers, these uniform lines of holes are not typically found on dead, termite-infested

trees. They are generally found on live, healthy ones. After all, their purpose is to produce sap.

We now have a female sapsucker ringing an oak limb outside the pantry window at our new house. She also likes bird seed and is quite a messy eater. Her visits to our feeder seem to result mostly in seeds scattered on the ground. That is probably due to the fact that she generally tries to eat while hanging upside down!

How much harm yellow-bellied sapsuckers actually cause is debatable. The most comprehensive study I have found is “Sapsucker, Damage Varies With Tree Species and Seasons,” written by Francis Rushmore for the U.S. Forest Service. The study cited was conducted over a five-year period during the 1960s throughout the northeastern U.S. and parts of Canada. To summarize, damage is certainly done and some trees are definitely killed, but most of them will survive. The larger and healthier the tree, the better its chances.

There are online tips for warding off unwanted sapsuckers if a particular tree is of



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This yellow-bellied sapsucker likes to feed on an old oak tree and birdseed out of a feeder.

concern. The parallel rings of holes around a limb or trunk are quite visible and can be worrisome. The bark is even coming off between a couple of rings on our oak. One’s options are limited, though, as woodpeckers are protected by law and cannot be harmed.

The birds themselves are quite pretty

and primarily eat sap and insects. Most will breed in Canada, then migrate south and winter from the eastern U.S. through Mexico and as far south as Panama.

One behavioral quirk is that females seem to enjoy the tropics more than males. While the birds are generally in balance here, it is estimated that by the time they reach southern Central America, females outnumber males three to one. Once the birds return to Canada in the springtime, the male will prepare the nest in a tree hollow. The same site may be used for several years. One clutch of four to six eggs per season will be laid in the nest. Once hatched, in the wild, the yellow-bellied sapsuckers can live for at least seven years.

If those telltale rings start appearing on one of your trees, you have a choice to make. You can try some of the suggested techniques found online to move the bird along or you can just accept it and hope for the best. Our current scenario is just a few rings around one limb on a large, apparently healthy, live oak tree. So, despite my obvious concern, here’s to hoping!

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meeting NOTES

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

City of Charleston TRC

Date: Feb. 3

Site plan for Mikasa Apartments on Clements Ferry Road in Cainhoy (pre-app). This is a 19.55-acre site plan for the construction of multi-family residential buildings and a parking lot to house 320 units. The owner is Aventon Companies. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Corey Balenger, balengerc@tandh.com.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Berkeley County Council meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.
- Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

VALENTINE PARTY

On Saturday, Feb. 12, from 1-3 pm, Daniel Island residents can come to the Pierce Park Pavilion to make Valentine cards for people at Wellmore and Summit Place. Supplies will be provided..

FOOD DRIVE

Providence Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, is collecting non-perishable food items for the Lowcountry Food Bank through end of Feb. Items include: baby food, canned meats, canned soups/stews, cereal, fruit juice, peanut butter. Containers for food donations are located on the front and back porches of the church.

BREW, BOIL & BBQ

Philip Simmons High School PTA Brew, Boil and BBQ 2022 and Silent Auction, Sat., Feb. 5, 5-10 pm, at Boals Farm, 242 Boals Farm Road. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at eventbrite.com/e/ brews-boil-bbq-tickets-238878771837.

BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross Blood Mobile hosted by St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, in the BE parking lot, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org or contact christinelark@gmail.com.

MUSEUM PREVIEW

The International African American Museum is hosting a "Behind the Scenes" sneak preview on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 7-8 pm at the Church of the Holy Cross Parish Hall, 299 Seven Farms Drive, prior to its grand opening downtown.

GRIEF SEMINARS

Each Tuesday from Feb. 22 to May 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, the Parish Hall of the Church of the Holy Cross will host a free recovery seminar and support group called GriefShare. Contact Deacon Ed Dyckman at 843-367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

DI NIGHT AT THE STINGRAYS

On Saturday, Feb. 26, from 5-8 pm, family and friends of the Daniel Island community are invited to enjoy a fun night with the South Carolina Stingrays. This game

is also Star Wars Night. Tickets can be purchased on the DI Property Owners' Association website.

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REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am at Providence Church, and Sat., 8 pm at Holy Cross Church.

COMMUNITY YOGA held Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am at the DI Recreation Center. All levels welcome. Email Teresa Donohue at dcommunityyoga@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND CONNECT 50-plus age group that meets the third Thurs. of each month, 6-8 pm, at the Crow's Nest. Free. Call Kathy at 502-387-3046.

DI GARDEN CLUB meets the second Wed. of the month at 3 pm at Holy Cross Church Parish Hall. The next meeting is Wed., Feb. 9, and Mark Motley of Wild Birds Unlimited in Mount Pleasant will speak about "Preparing Your Yard for National Wildlife Certification." Raffle for six bluebird houses. Contact Linda Price at lmcwpr@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB meets the third Mon. of the month, 8 am, at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free and open to the public.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY CLUB EVENTS Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Group: Tues. 2-3 pm; Needleworkers: second and fourth Tues. of the month, 11:15 am; Book Club: third Tues. of the month, 11 am - noon; Deepthinkers Discussion Group: Wed., 10:30 am to noon; Social Bridge Club: second Fri. and fourth Mon. of the month, 1-4 pm; Writers Group: first Wed. of the month, 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL ISLAND WYLDLIFE For all middle schoolers on DI, club meets Mon. from 7-8 pm at DI Recreation Center. Campaigners meet Wed., 6:30-7:30 pm. Email Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets on the fourth Tues of every month at 5:30 pm at the Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. More info at dixchangedclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A meets the first Mon. of the month at the DI Library, 4-6 pm. Master Gardener on hand to answer questions and accept soil samples.

PHILIP SIMMONS YOUNG LIFE All Philip Simmons students welcome. Club meets every other Wed. at 208 Grand Park Blvd. Campaigners every Mon. at 7 pm. Email Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN meet the fourth Mon. of each month, 11:30 am, Hilton Garden Inn, 300 Wingo Way, Mt. Pleasant. Visit East Cooper Republican Women on Facebook or email tblairecrv@protonmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF DI meets every Wed. at 7:30 am at the DI Club and virtually. Email maryjo@mjrccac.com at danielislandrotary.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet at 4 pm the third Sun. of each month at Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.


TAI CHI CLASSES will be held at the DI Library every Tues. at 10 am and Fri. at 9 am.

TOASTMASTERS meets virtually every first and third Sat., 9-10 am. danielislandtoastmasters@gmail.com.

WILLINGWAYS "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" is designed to help families struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

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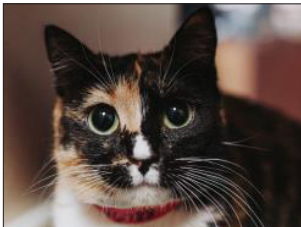
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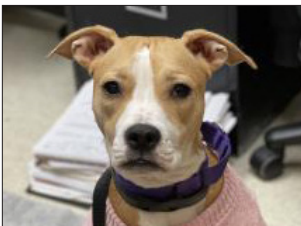
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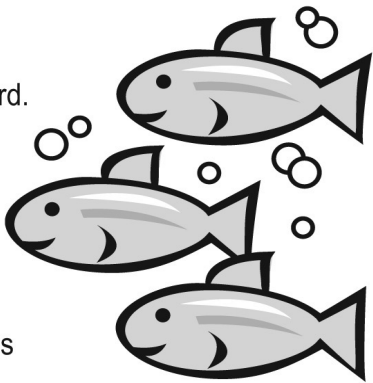
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Multiple Animals

Choose the correct plural for each word.

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2. **wolf:** wolfs or wolves
3. **mouse:** mouses or mice
4. **armadillo:** armadillos or armadilloes
5. **fish:** fish or fishes



Ritz

Answer: There are hundreds of irregular plural nouns. Consult a dictionary whenever you are hesitant. Plural rules are erratic. 1. moose 2. wolves 3. mice 4. armadillos 5. both are correct

MYSTERY **CONTEST**

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNER: EMILY HODGDEN

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from Jan. 27 is Emily Hodgden, who correctly identified the picture as part of the sign for The DIME (Daniel Island Market and Eatery), located at 30 River Landing Drive on the Waterfront on Daniel Island.

The Hodgdens have lived off Clements Ferry Road for the past 16 years. A student at Philip Simmons Middle School, Emily likes playing lacrosse and volleyball. She also loves the trails on Daniel Island and visiting the dog park with her two beagle pups.

Congrats are also in order for the following readers for sending in the correct responses: Karen Fedder, Steve Gant, Jessica Woodrum, Diane Collins, Tom McCurdy, Blythe Yeagle, Parker Dolan, Greta Hughey, Robert Peiffer, Jason Eates, and Charlene and Dale Hogan. Thank you to everyone for participating!



Emily Hodgden

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 1, 2007:



The cover featured city hoops and the growing recreational basketball program on Daniel Island. Just 15 years ago there were about 80 island youth ranging in age from 5-12 competing in the City of Charleston Recreation basketball leagues. The newly formed city recreation league teams played at the Daniel Island School gymnasium on Saturday mornings and practiced weekdays under a joint agreement between the city and the Berkeley County School District.

In business news, Melanie Jackson, director of client services for HR-On Call at the time, spoke to the Daniel Island Business Association members about human resource issues affecting small businesses at the monthly meeting.

TEN YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 2, 2012:



It was reported that the Daniel Island POA was promoting some initiatives to showcase the island's business community, particularly to off-islanders, and that they debuted a sign visible from I-526 at exit 24 (the sign has since been removed). In business news, WIN (Women's Island Network) was featured. By 2012, WIN was already eight years old and served (and continues today) as a way for island business women to support one another in the promotion of their businesses.

FIVE YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 2, 2017:



The cover and centerfold featured a new series on finding balance in an increasingly cyber-crazed world. Statistics from the start of 2017 showed that over a third of the world's population owned a smartphone; an estimated total of almost 2.6 billion people (statista.com).

The same data revealed that Facebook had 1.79 billion active users worldwide in the third quarter of 2016. More than 73% of Americans reported going online on a daily basis. While an unprecedented 92% of teenagers in the U.S. said they used the Internet every day (pewresearch.org).

A number of law enforcement officers gathered at Blondie's Bagels & Café to host "Coffee with a Cop." The program, which was held at various times and locations throughout the city, allowed citizens an opportunity to chat with officers to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know those who patrol their neighborhoods.

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